## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Applicant(s): | SCALES, et al.               | ) | Group Art Unit: 2452     |
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| Serial No.:   | 10/665,779                   | ) |                          |
| Filed:        | September 19, 2003           | ) | Examiner: Chankong, Dohm |
| Title:        | Storage Multipath Management | ) |                          |
|               | In a Virtual Computer System | ) | Confirmation No. 6408    |
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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents

## SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Substitute Amendment and Response is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 09/15/2009 and the Office Action mailed December 24, 2008. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stated that the previous Amendment filed May 7, 2009 as deficient in that claim 32 was marked as "currently amended" but there were no changes to the claim. Since this Substitute Amendment is being filed within the 30-day period for response of the Notice, Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is due at this time. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

## This Response includes:

A Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2; and

Remarks, beginning on page 9.